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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An air cleaning device comprising a bulb-shaped casing provided at one end with an attached portion to be attached to an attaching portion and at the other end with an outlet, and a negative ion generator accommodated in the casing, wherein the attached portion is connected to a commercial power source and negative ions are generated by discharge of the negative ion generator and released from the outlet.

2. (Amended) An air cleaning device comprising a bulb-shaped casing provided at one end with a fed portion to be attached to a feed portion and at the other end with an outlet, an AC/DC converter accommodated in the casing for converting an alternating current from

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